

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application.

Claim 11 has been amended to remove the improper multi-dependency.

Entry of the Preliminary Amendment and favorable action on the merits are respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Version With Markings Showing Changes Made

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES MADE

The claims have been amended as follows:

11. (Amended) An antigen comprising the recombinant protein from merozoite of *Babesia caballi* as set forth in [any of claims 4 to 6] claim 4.